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My address till Tuesday next will be

c/o Rev. E. Larken
Burton Rectory
W. Lincoln.

I was very glad to hear that after my visit to Plymouth, a branch of the Ladies' Association S.P.G. was started there, & that my hostess was elected Secretary. It was a great pleasure to me also to address a work party of the Association the other day at Kensington, and to meet Miss Bullock there.

I am, Dear Sir,
yrs. very faithfully,
Alan G S Gibson
Archdn. of Kokstad, Kaffr.

at the head of his Missionary Associa-tion (a prayer union). That is to say that it is no new point of departure, but merely a combination and concentration: such a home organisation as, I suppose, every foreign diocese has, subsidiary to S.P.G. – Maritzburg, e.g., Capetown, Zululand, and others – not an organi-sation such as that of the C.A.M.

Such a home work on a small scale is absolutely necessary to us, because S.P.G. grants, Government grants, Local help, and Scotch subsidies, still leave us at least 400£ a year in arrear of what we require to keep up our work on its present footing. With such a sum annually coming in, we can hold our own. As, during Bishop Callaway's time we used to receive sometimes 1000£ or 2000£ a year, it is clear that we are not now aiming at any undue extension of our own interests to the detriment of S.P.G.

I have entered at this length into the matter, because I have a great horror of seeming to do anything in the way of starting new special interests to divert from the general. My point is that our home work has always existed, and that its concentration in the hands of one man, while being very advantageous to us – I might almost say essential – will no more interfere with the work of S.P.G. than it has done in the past. I trust also that our Org. Secr. will be himself a member of S.P.G., which would of course be a guarantee.

I should be very glad if you would send me a line to say that you, as Secr. of the S.P.G., understand and approve

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Burton Rectory
Lincoln.
Jan. 25. 87.

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for your letter of the 20th, so fully entering into the question of so-called "Special Missions"; by a concatenation of accidents, it has only reached me to-day, having been forwarded to catch me at Whitley, and just missed me en route.

I quite feel, and have duly recognised for some time, that there is much force in what you urge, and I can quite believe that the income of S.P.G. is diminished by the number of special organisations - altho' there is another side to the matter into which it is not my province to enter. And it may be that if every diocese were to agree

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some of my last letters from Kaffraria; Rev. E. L. Coakes, Dec. 11: "If we could but get local contributions, the case would not be so serious, but the whole country is impoverished. As an instance, I may cite my efforts to raise a part of stipend at Cala. The people were crying out for a clergyman, for many families belong to the Church, and after meetings and lists we had promises of under 20£. Some said they could give a sheep or two, but of money they had not 'nuf to pay the quit-rent." The Diocesan, same date: "The season is still very backward, I fear there will be scarcity again, I suppose half of the gardens will be cultivated, but, if they thrive, they will stave off starvation."

β. He has appealed to S.P.G. for increase of grants, which the Society is unable to give.

γ. In conjunction with the clergy, he has reduced the grants from K.C.M., already quite inadequate.

δ. At his direction, I have been all thro'

to merge its private English Fund in the general S.P.G. Fund, it would be advantageous for themselves, and for the cause of missions generally: but the officials of each diocese are of course bound, as diocesan authorities, to consider their own interests and needs, as well as their duty to S.P.G., a duty which no sane man could attempt to deny, considering that we owe our very existence to the Parent Society. And this places us ab initio in a very difficult position as we have a double set of claims to deal with: we have to do the best for the souls which God has committed to our charge, as well as to see that no action of ours shall injure the Society.

So much on the question in the abstract. Dealing especially with the case of Kaffraria, I would respectfully submit that our position is a peculiar one, with reference to our proposed home organisation.

1. It is not a question of extension of work, but of maintenance of work begun by that very fund, K.C.M. (Kaffrarian Church Mission) which was in full operation from '73-'84, and which we desire now, at least partially, to revive. It failed in '84 from various causes, and for the past 3 years the Bishop has tried every means in his power to keep up the work which Bishop Callaway had begun thro' that fund.

2. He has issued pastorals in English and Kaffir to all the Church-people in the diocese, urging on them the duty of paying tithes: and every parish in the diocese has been assessed, and this in the face of extreme poverty. Bearing on this latter point, I may quote from

Scotland to stir up effort; but the Scotch Church is small, and can hardly do more than she is doing.

Under these circumstances, what are we to do? Are we, for the want of 500£ p.a., to abandon people and places which have been under our care, and just leave them to drift back again into heathenism? I would submit, Sir, that "to maintain" is very different from "to extend"; and that we are absolutely bound to the former at any cost.

2. And the sum we need is so small to English ears. That "wretched 500£" a year is just exactly what we require. C.A.M. obtains, I believe, some 13,000£ per annum. As regards injury to S.P.G., tho' the principle may be the same, the result obviously must be different. And of this 500£, half or more is already promised.

3 I must again protest against our proposed organisation being looked upon

In conclusion, I must ask: Are we to infer that our contemplated action will involve a diminution of the Society's grant to us? And, if so, is it possible for you to say to what approximate amount? Obviously it would be worse than useless for us to try and secure 500£ from K.C.M.; if in so doing we lost 600£ from S.P.G.

May I ask you to be kind enough to let me have an answer to this at

c/o Rev. Canon Skelton
Hickling Rectory
Melton Mowbray

where I shall arrive (from Alford) on Thurs-day: and then, if necessary, I can forward our correspondence to the Bishop, in order that he may instruct me with reference to it. It would have been a great relief to me to hear from you that, even if you do not agree with our action, you understand it under exist-ing circumstances. Perhaps this letter may have made clear points which I inadvertently left obscure before. I am, Dear Sir,

faithfully yours,
Alan G. S. Gibson

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as a new one, as far as regards any possible detriment that might accrue from it to S.P.G. If the K.C.M. Fund was in full operation from '73 to '84, sending out sometimes 1000£ or 2000£ a year, and now we only ask for some 500£ from it, it is surely no innovation, but merely a revival on a humbler scale. Quâ organisation, it will be new: quâ results, not.

4. Our object, as I believe I said in my previous letter, is far more to retain those special friends whom we already have in England, and to revive a failing interest in others, than to break new ground. I say advisedly "far more", as I think we should be right, when opportunity offers, in doing the latter, when that ground has not already been occupied. The functions of our Secretary, then, will be mainly to give information to our friends, circulate our Quarterlies, acknowledge subscriptions, and keep a hold on places where we have already a connexion. But it is essential that such an officer should have a name, and no name is so suitable as that of Organising Secretary.

5. It is quite true that he will receive a honorarium of 50£ a year. It is only fair that a man who gives up time which he might otherwise turn to advantage by writing or taking pupils, should receive a quid pro quo. But that is very different from paying a man 200£ a year to devote his whole time to the work.

I must apologise for having inflicted on you so long a letter, but I cannot do otherwise than write at length, where the very existence of a portion of our work is at stake.

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to make myself useful in the same way. Indeed I know that the Society has a claim upon its missionaries, and I am very glad to think that, even as it is, I have spoken some 5 or 6 times on its behalf. I should add that, during my absence, almost the whole of my salary has been devoted to my work in Kaffraria, so that I have not been in the position of taking the Society's pay, and doing solely diocesan work.

I propose to leave England on May 19, with a deacon and two laymen, who will live with me, and whom I shall support out of my own stipend. We hope eventually to raise a good deal out of the Glebe land.

It is, I imagine, my duty to report myself again at Delahay St. before I leave. If there are any other regulations which I have to comply with, may I ask you to be kind enough to let me know?

I am, Dear Sir,
faithfully yours,
Alan G. S. Gibson

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Bath.
Ap. 8. 87

Dear Sir,

I am glad to be able to write more hopefully of the outlook in Kaffraria. Reductions have been made in our expenditure as follows:

The smith's shop has been given up, where we had native apprentices.

Port S. Johns has been abandoned, as far as having a resident priest is concerned.

All salaries have been diminished.

This action, which implies of course a curtailment of work, and the necessity for which is much to be deplored, will save us some 300£ per annum.

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Hickling Rectory
Melton Mowbray.
Jan 27. 87.

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Dear Sir,

Just one line to thank you very heartily for your kind letter which I found awaiting me here. It has been a great relief to me.

I may add, that no efforts shall be wanting on our part to avoid in any way interfering with S.P.G.

Believe me,
most truly yours,
Alan G. S. Gibson

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We shall still, however, have hard work to tide through next year, as we shall not receive our full help from Scotland again until Oct. '88 (their money, except for the Bishops, only comes in once a year). I have little doubt, however, that the Bishop will come home for the Pan-Anglican, and that his presence would bring us in more funds just for that time when they are needed.

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Umtata
via K. Wms Town
S. Africa 175
March 29. 1887

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My dear Mr. Tucker,

The facts regarding Mr. Acland's return to regular ministerial work are briefly these:

During the time that he was in Government employ in Pondoland and Port S. Johns, he throughout was holding the Bishop's licence, except for the space of a few weeks, first the ordinary licence as Priest at S. Andrews, latterly since 1878 a special licence without restriction to locality; in 1884 on the abolition of the office which he held of British Resident with the Pondos, he applied to Bishop Callaway for regular work, and he became his secretary, still retaining his (special) licence; during the same year the European

inhabitants of Umzimkulu, asked the Bishop to licence him as their pastor, a request which was backed by Archdeacon Button, the Bishop on my hesitation asked me to shew cause why he shd not be appointed; I submitted that he had broken Canon xvii of this Province, having given up his clerical work for secular employment. The Bishop appeared to hold that the fact of his having held his licence, covered him.

During the year 1885 this question was a painful one between us, and it was only in Jan 1886 that I withdrew my opposition, owing to information given me by Archdn Button

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When in Clydesdale in that month. (7)
In March 1886 the Archdn. met with the accident which caused his death, and while on his death bed he asked the Bp to grant him the licence, (which had not been done contrary to my expectation) — this was then done, and afterwards the Archdeacon left it as his dying wish that Mr Acland should succeed him in the Incumbency.
On the vacancy, Mr Acland naturally took charge, as the only priest there; in May the three congregations, English Griqua and Kaffir, petitioned the Bishop that the wish of the Archdn should be carried out, and a promise was given apparently to that effect
On my coming to Clydesdale in May

(being aware of the petition, but not of any sort of promise having been made) we decided on offering both archdeaconry and incumbency to Mr Gibson (now absent in England), and this was announced at a large meeting of the congregation, at which I heard for the first time of the Bishop's promise that he w^d do what he could to further their wishes; our decision caused great dissatisfaction: the offer was made to Mr Gibson, who accepted rather reluctantly, & soon afterwards on learning that Mr Oxland had expressed his regret for having come into the secular position which he had held when residing at Port S. John's, and had so to a great

extent fulfilled the conditions imposed by the Canon (XVII) of the Province, upon a cleric returning to his proper functions, Mr Gibson begged to be allowed to withdraw his acceptance of the Incumbency in favour of Mr Bland, who now he considered stood in a different position, and was the pastor chosen by the several congregations.

All ground for refusing the appointment was thus cut off away, for local feeling would not allow me to think of any one else, when Mr Gibson was so unwilling to go there

and accordingly in January of this year I offered him the Incumbency the Bp having now resigned, which he accepted. He was thus two whole years after he left government service, working his way back to the position he now holds, as your Missionary, first for 12 months as Secretary (private) to the Diocesan, latterly as curate and acting Incumbent, now only as Incumbent, & the fact stands ~~and~~ that during the whole time he held the Bishop's licence

which he used from time to time, while British Resident and Magistrate at Port S. Johns. Hoping that this explanation of the ending of what has been a painful business in many ways, may satisfy the Society

I remain

Yours very truly

Bransby Key
Bishop of S. Johns

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Umtata.
July 21 1887.

My dear Mr Tucker,

I beg to acknowledge yours of June 8. announcing the renewal of the grant to this diocese, less the £50 granted to myself; I do not know if it is possible for the Committee to reconsider the matter now, but I would state that neither the diocese nor myself are in any way better off, from the fact

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of Bishop Callaway having retired, as he retains his income of £300 from the Scottish Board of Missions, as a retiring pension.

I am

Yours faithfully

Bransby Key.

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Hickling Rectory
Melton Mowbray
18 Jany 1887

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My dear Tucker,

The St. Johns'
Kaffraria Mission
is aided by S.P.G.

I am asked to
undertake some work
for it as Organizing
Secretary.

I am not unwilling

to comply with this request, if I, by so doing, shall not injure, but aid, a good cause.

If you have time to give a thought to this proposal & let me hear what you think I should be thankful.

Yours very sincerely

T. Skelton

[Attention is particularly requested to the instructions on page 4 as to filling up this form.]

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DIOCESE OF St. Johns Kaffraria 187

No. ....

Umtata

March 21st 1887

DEAR SIRS,

I beg leave to inform you that I have drawn upon you the under-mentioned Bills at 30 days' sight for £ 632. 10/. 0 Stg on account of the Society's Grant for the Diocese of St. Johns Kaffraria for the Quarter ending March 31st 1887 which amount has been appropriated to the Missionaries named in the annexed statement.

I am, dear Sirs,

Your faithful and obedient Servant,

Robert Stewart
Diocesan Secretary

To the Treasurers of The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, 19, Delahay Street, Westminster, London, S.W.

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No. of Bill.	DATE.	PAYEE.	AMOUNT. £	s.	d.
	March 21st 1887.	Standard Bank –	632	10	0

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SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL,

19, DELAHAY STREET, WESTMINSTER, S.W.

EXTRACTS FROM REGULATIONS.

COMPILED FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE SOCIETY'S CORRESPONDENTS AND MISSIONARIES.

§ 11. *Accounts, Bills, and Drafts.*

55. A separate account is to be kept of all grants from the Society, and they are not to be mixed in a general account with other funds of the Diocese.

56. The amount required for the payment of the salaries of the Missionaries is to be drawn at the end of each quarter by the Treasurer or Secretary, under the direction of the Committee.

58. Bills * are to be drawn payable thirty days after sight, and (*a*) where the grant is not dispensed through a Local Committee, they must be drawn by the recipient himself, and must state his station, and the period of service for which he is remunerated. (*b*) Where the grant is dispensed through a Local Committee, the amount of several salaries may be included in one bill, and the above particulars respecting each salary must be stated in the Letter of Advice * preceding or accompanying the bill.

60. A balance-sheet must be sent at the end of each year, showing the amount of bills drawn on the Society, and the actual expenditure on account of the Society's grant, and the balance (if any) remaining in hand; and receipts from the Missionaries and others must be sent as vouchers for the expenditure.

* Forms may be had on application.

MEMORANDUM.

I. The Treasurers of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts desire to call the special attention of all persons authorised to draw Bills upon them, on account of Grants made by the Society, to the imperative necessity which exists for all Bills to be preceded or accompanied by the Letter of Advice, as required by Regulation 58, in the form prepared and supplied by the Society. A Letter of Advice following a Bill is of no use for the most important of the purposes for which it is required.

II. In the case of Bills from India or other places which have communication with England by several routes, it is essential that the Advice should always be posted so as to go by the quickest route, and thus under any circumstances reach the Treasurers by the same mail which brings the Bills from the Merchants; as otherwise the Bills run the risk of not being promptly accepted for want of it. When the drawer of a Bill has once parted with it, he ought to act as if it was certain that it will reach London by the quickest possible route.

III. In any case of Forgery or other tampering with Bills, the Letter of Advice forms the only safeguard to the Treasurers against accepting Bills not properly drawn or authorised; and the credit of the Society and of its correspondents abroad is damaged if suspicion attaches to any Bills from neglect of those precautions, which the drawers only can supply through the medium of a Letter of Advice, properly filled up and despatched by the quickest route to the Treasurers, in the Society's Office in London, at the same time as the Bills are drawn.

JOHN EDWARD KEMPE,
HENRY BARNETT,
ALGERNON A. D. L. STRICKLAND, } *Treasurers.*

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DIOCESE OF St. John's Kaffraria

No. ____________

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June 30th 1887

DEAR SIRS,

I beg leave to inform you that I have drawn upon you the under-mentioned Bills at 30 days' sight for £ 632. 10. — on account of the Society's Grant for the Diocese of St. John's Kaffraria for the Quarter ending June 30th 1887 which amount has been appropriated to the Missionaries named in the annexed statement.

I am, dear Sirs,

Your faithful and obedient Servant,

Robert Stewart

Diocesan Secretary

To the Treasurers of
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of the Gospel in Foreign Parts,
19, *Delahay Street, Westminster, London, S.W.*

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Diocese of ______________________

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DIOCESE OF St. John's Kaffraria

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No.

September 24th 1887

DEAR SIRS,

I beg leave to inform you that I have drawn upon you the under-mentioned Bill at 30 days' sight for £ 632. 10. 0 on account of the Society's Grant for the Diocese of St. John's Kaffraria for the quarter ending September 30th 1887 which amount has been appropriated to the Missionaries named in the annexed statement.

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